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APPLICANTS: Taupier et al.

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EXAMINER: Eliane M. Lazar-Wesley

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FOR: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

### PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the November 19, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Please charge the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2) and any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-729. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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